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CAP Members Awarded FAA Flight Standard's Recognition



Lt. Col. Brian Capone and Maj. Lisa Cotham, Capital City Composite Squadron, Baton Rouge, LA, were recently selected as award winners by the FAA's Flight Standards Recognition Program. Capone is an airworthiness Aviation Safety Inspector and Maj. Cotham is an Aviation Safety Technician in the Baton Rouge Flight Standards District Office.

Capone was awarded the Southwest Region's Strategic Management Award for innovations in doing business. Cotham was selected as the Region's Staff Employee of the Year for 2001. Both were cited for their participation on an office workgroup that strives to provide a model work environment for all employees. In addition to winning the award at the region level, the workgroup was selected as the FAA's national winner in the category Commitment to People. Both will attend the National Awards Banquet in Washington D.C. in late June. ➔

Maj. Lisa Cotham



Commander's Corner



Louisiana Wing was represented at the SWR SAR Competition recently held in Ardmore, OK by two teams. Lake Charles Composite Squadron and the Lafayette Senior Squadron. Thanks guys for coming in 2nd, only missing first by 20 points (out of 1,000) points. We appreciate the time and effort it took to prepare for the competition and actually participate. Congratulations to Texas Wing for taking first place.

The 2002 National Board/Annual

Conference is scheduled for August 15 – 17 in Philadelphia. Members wishing to sit at the Louisiana table need to notify me via e-mail. There are six seats left at the table. Details and registration information regarding the conference are in the May issue of the Civil Air Patrol News.

The Cadet Encampment will be held at Barksdale AFB in July. Cadets and Senior Members are encouraged to apply. It's a great week for work and fun. For additional information contact Major Clyde Robichaux, Director of Cadet Programs.

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Louisiana Squadrons Compete in Aircomp

Maj. Steve Caldas

AIRCOMP is the Civil Air Patrol's version of the Air Force Gunsmoke aerial competition, or the Navy Top Gun. It pits the best aircrews against each other to determine who is "The Best Of The Best", but there are no real losers — valuable skills are sharpened by the experience. Aircrews are scored on their performance in locating simulated airplane crashes and ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) beacons, or live-feed digital photography of simulated disaster sites, plus precision flying skills, preflight safety inspection of the aircraft, appearance of the aircraft/aircrews, and written exams.

The Southwest Region's 15th Annual AIRCOMP was held in Ardmore, OK 17-19 May 2002. Two aircrews represented the Louisiana Wing in the competition against ten other aircrews from AZ, AR, NM, OK, and TX. Lafayette Senior Squadron's LTC Mike Savoy, MAJ Steve Caldas, and CAPT Kerry Ordes, along with the Lake Charles Composite Squadron's aircrew, earned 2nd Place Overall, the Louisiana Wing's best showing ever. We're gunning for first place next year! →

Baton Rouge Cadet Squadron, LAWG, Cadet is Eagle Scout Recipient

Cpt. Linda Muffoletto

Cadet James Arbuthnot of Baton Rouge Cadet Squadron earned his Eagle, Boy Scouting's highest award, in February. Upon earning his Eagle, this junior at Parkview Baptist School looked for a new challenge, and found it with Civil Air Patrol, which he joined in January. Cadet Arbuthnot is already looking forward to participating in the 2002 Louisiana Wing Encampment at Barksdale AFB in July.

Cadet Arbuthnot's Eagle project consisted of clearing prayer trails, identifying and labeling trees and plants, and creating markers for them at the Judson Baptist Retreat. Fewer than 2 percent of all Scouts in the United States earn Eagle each year. Scouts must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are mandatory, to become an Eagle. The scout must also organize an Eagle project that demonstrates his leadership skills. →

Commander's Corner Continued

A Commander's Call is scheduled for August 3, 2002, at the Capitol City Building in Baton Rouge. All Squadron Commanders are required to attend. A schedule will be forwarded to all commanders. If you have agenda items you wished to be discussed submit those to Colonel Berkowitz not later than 15 July 2002.

We are continually having problems with units not submitting the monthly vehicle utilization report. These are due at the wing office not later than NOON on the 5th day of each month for the previous month. Receipt of these reports assists the wing in reporting to National on time and ensures that your unit retains the assigned vehicle. National has established a standard rate for usage/hours/miles, which will be covered with all commanders.

Aircraft utilization is low on several aircraft. During the next several months' low time aircraft will be moved to increase utilization. The Director of Operation will be in contact with the units affected.

Units requiring support or use of military facilities or services must coordinate their contacts through Major Zaremba, State Director with copies to the Wing Commander. Units should not go direct to the military installations without going through the State Directors office.

With the increasing summer activities upon us everyone needs to make an extra effort to be safe. Have fun, play hard but be safe in all that you do. →

Mary D. Berkowitz, Colonel, CAP



Colorguard at NASA

Cadet Lindsay Salles

Cadet Myles Bernard (P.C.S.), Cadet Steve Labit (G.C.S.) Cadet Renee Cabirac (G.C.S.) Cadet Lindsay Salles (G.C.C.)

Cadets from Ponchartrain Cadet Squadron and Gen. Chennault Cadet Squadron presented the colors for the opening ceremony for National Asian Pacific American Month at the NASA Michoud Assembly Center on May 16, 2002. The color guard was a great experience for the cadets, and they all look forward to participating in future ceremonies. →

Leblanc Cadet Squadron

Maj Clyde Robichaux

The LeBlanc Cadet Squadron (LA024) in Houma, LA is growing! Three potential Cadets and their parents have been attending meetings for the past several weeks. The Squadron recommends that potential Cadets attend four meetings before enrolling and requests that parents attend at least two of those meetings. This ensures that both the candidate and the parent are certain of the missions and activities of CAP before enrollment.

On Sunday, 19 May 02 the Squadron presented Colors for a dance recital hosted by the Paddy Danos School of Dancing. Presenting Colors were Cadets Benny DeHart (Cadet Commander), Lee Arceneaux, Chris

LeBoeuf, Matthew Deroche, Arthur Matherne, and Dennis Naquin. Senior Members providing support were 1Lt. Teresa Robichaux (CC), Capt. Al Downing (SE), and SM Rose Downing. Ms. Danos' studio invited the Squadron to participate in her studio's recitals after viewing the Squadron's Color Guard at Mardi Gras parades. In appreciation for the Color Guards, her studio has made a financial contribution to the Squadron.

1Lt. Robichaux has appointed Cadet Matthew Deroche to the position of Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) Delegate for the Squadron. Cadet Dennis Naquin is serving as the Alternate. Cadet Deroche attended the CAC meeting on 11 May 02, and made a superb presentation of the Squadron Report.

Congratulations are in order for three Cadets who have completed the requirements for graduation from high school. Cadet Chris LeBoeuf graduated from Ellender Memorial High School. Cadets Benny DeHart and Lee Arceneaux graduated from Terrebonne High

School. Cadet LeBoeuf is uncertain about his immediate future, but higher education may be part of the picture. Cadet DeHart will attend Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in the fall and will also enroll in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (AFROTC) at LSU. Cadet Arceneaux will attend Florida State University with a full AFROTC scholarship. He will major in meteorology. We are extremely proud of the accomplishment of these Cadets. We wish them Godspeed and much success in their futures. We know they will be successful because they have demonstrated

an understanding of the value of hard work through the CAP program.

Cadet O-flights have been a regular part of the Squadron's activities. Major Steve Caldas (Lafayette Senior Squadron) has been a regular at our meetings, usually flying in on

Unsung Hero Belatedly Recognized

Please excuse our oversight - we failed to include **Capt Patrick Yglesias** as the recipient of a **Commanders Commendation** during the awards presentation at the Wing Conference this year. Join us in extending another round of applause for a job well done!

the last Saturday of the month and taking Cadets for the ultimate O-flights. The three most recent participants, Cadets Deroche, Matherne, and Naquin, enjoyed their day in the air. After take off from Houma, the flight included the destinations of Lakefront Airport in New Orleans and Diamondhead, MS. The Squadron extends a well-deserved "thank-you" to Maj. Caldas and all other CAP fliers who give freely of their time to get LAWG Cadets behind the controls.

1Lt. Robichaux assisted Senior Members

Barbara Reed and Fernand Webber from the Billy Mitchell Senior Squadron in Urban Direction Finding (UDF) Training. They participated in a simulated UDF mission that took them to Thibodaux, LA. Lt. Robichaux presented the scenario and the trainees took over from there.

They located the potential target site on the map, planned the route to the site, and gave directions to the driver. The activity was very successful and vividly demonstrated the value of CAP's method of teaching-learn by doing. The participants in the training are anxious to learn more about UDF work and are eager to pass on their training to others in their squadron. This activity is an excellent example of units teaming to train, using the expertise and resources of individual units to expand the mission capabilities of LAWG.

The Squadron is now focusing on Encampment 2002. Two Senior Members are looking forward to serving as Staff Members. Cadets are looking forward to participating as both Cadet Staff and First-Year Cadets. CAP history, AE knowledge, leadership skills, and

drill are just a few of the items being sharpened for the event. Potential Staff Members know that they will set the standards for Basic Encampment Cadets, therefore they want to be as sharp as possible to model the standards. Basic Encampment Cadets know that it will be challenging and demanding and that they should have command of the basic skills before arriving. Squadron members who have been to Encampment are encouraging the first-timers to prepare well to gain as much as possible from participating in the training. →

Aerospace Awards

The following Senior Members have successfully completed the AEPSM examination and earned the **Chuck Yeager** award:

CAPT Kerry Ordes, 16092
SM Miles Hebert, 16092
2LT John K. Graham, Jr., 16012
2LT Steve M. Plache, 16008
CAPT Anthony P. Tvaryanas, 16076
1LT. Teresa A. Robichaux, 16024
MAJ Clyde X. Robichaux, 16024

LTC Robert E. Suckow, LA DAE received the **A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Award** April, 2002.

Ruston Squadron Attends Weekend Exercise

S/M Suzann Ford

Members of the Ruston Composite Squadron recently participated in a weekend training exercise designed to allow members to become qualified for ground search and rescue operations.

Eight senior members and five cadets took part in the event, aptly named "Operation Start Up". This was the first overnight exercise for the newly chartered Ruston Squadron. The exercise began with an early morning safety briefing given by 2Lt. Sara Parker. Classes were conducted by 1Lts. Tim Parker, Brian Albarado, Walter Moss, Nicholas Green, 2Lt. David Williamson and C/Msgt. Brandon Guillot. The classes covered many aspects of ground search and rescue operations including map reading, compass reading, communications, signaling, wilderness survival techniques, search techniques, and MRE preparation.

The squadron was then divided into two ground teams and a training mission involving a simulated downed aircraft was conducted. Both the "pilot" and "downed aircraft" were

located after a search by both teams. Senior Member Katherine Ellis served as communications officer, manning the base radio and relaying instructions for the squadron.

First Lieutenants Parker, Albarado, and Moss also led senior members and cadets into putting their newly acquired skills into practice by setting up an orientation course. The squadron was divided up into three teams led by Lt. Green, Lt. Williamson and Senior Member Suzann Ford. Each team leader, along with cadets, used compasses to navigate through deep woods to complete the timed event.

Participating cadets were Cadet Commander C/Airman Basic Daniel Pace, C/Airman Basic Michael Patrick, C/Airman Basic Christina Gates and C/Airman Basic Robert Gilley.

Lt. Tim Parker, squadron commander, thanked members by saying "I would like to commend all 13 participants of the training, everyone conducted themselves in a professional, military manner and were a credit to the unit and CAP".

The Ruston Squadron also announces the following promotions. Walter Moss and aerospace education officer Nicholas Green were promoted to 1st Lieutenant. Sara Parker and Michee Moss were promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. ➔

Ropes Course Instills Confidence

2LT Joey Langlinais

Teamwork is the only thing that got cadets out of some of the situations they found themselves in during a recent visit to the Gillis W. Long Center in Carville. The center is home to the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program, and is also a training facility for the Guard. LANG Sgt Burns and First Sgt Kimball were the primary instructors

for a weekend of Ropes Course, Obstacle Course and Rappelling for 15 Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

Each time one person failed, the entire squadron failed and had to start again. This fostered a lot of encouragement, teamwork and in some cases gave cadets a lot of self-confidence when they realized they could succeed at seemingly difficult missions. "You can't think you have it whipped before you get it done" said Burns to the cadets during an element called the Mountain Tops. During this element, cadets were placed on two platforms, and given only two pieces of board. The mission was to transfer cadets from one platform to the other without falling off the

platform or the boards. Once a board touched the ground, it was out of play and that left the cadets with only one board. Despite these

challenges, the squadron completed the mission with success

Burns and Kimball agree that the whole purpose of the Ropes Course is to build confidence and inspire teamwork. One of the elements called "The Nitro Crossing" had the cadets practice this to the extreme. In this element, all of the cadets were placed on a platform, with one holding a cup of water. Two cadets had to swing across to another platform on a rope. A third cadet was placed on the rope and his job was to get that cup of water across to the other platform without spilling so much as a drop. To ensure that this mission was completed, several cadets shed their belts and tied the water carrying cadet so that he could be eased from one side to the other. Then all of the other cadets had to swing across to the platform now holding the water without causing any to spill. Once again, this mission was successfully completed.

Once the Ropes Course was completed, the cadets moved on to an obstacle course and the final highlight of the day, a 32-foot rappelling tower. This element was voluntary.



Please join us in applauding Lafayette Cadet Squadron's C/1LT Kale LeBlanc for his successful completion of a basic Emergency Medical Technician Course. ➔

Squadron Commander CPT Dale LeBlanc said he was happy at the outcome. "I was pleasantly surprised that 100 percent of cadets participated in rappelling, and successfully completed it." He continued, "This exercise lets us see who the leaders and potential leaders in the squadron are."

The squadron camped out on the post, and did some ELT training on Sunday morning before returning to Lafayette. The next time our squadron travels to Carville, it will be to compete in the Ropes Course against the Gretna Cadet Squadron to show them that we are indeed the best squadron in the state. ➔

Louisiana Wing Liaison Office

LTC Amos Plante

Many CAP "old timers" will remember when Liaison Offices were staffed with active duty Air Force officers and NCOs. In 1995, the liaison office function underwent a significant change. In-place personnel either were transferred or elected to retire, and the liaison positions were filled by Air Force retirees. CAP's National Headquarters assumed the responsibilities of hiring and supervising. On 25 March 2002, another major change was completed as the Air Force resumed operation and control of the liaison offices. In Louisiana Wing, the two incumbents were hired as Air Force civilians (Civil Service GS-12 / GS-11 positions).

While many have been aware of the discussions surrounding this

Rocketry, Barksdale Style



Last day of rocket construction prior to launch day. AF Captain Chris Lemanski assists Cadets prior to their launches. The first four rockets Cadets practice altitude tracking prior to first rocket launch. Group photo of Barksdale Cadets after completing over 40 successful launches. ➔

conversion, the new "appearance" of the liaison staff has generated a lot of questions... so here are some of the answers:

Both of the current liaison staffers continue to perform the basic mission of Air Force advise, liaison, and CAP oversight. Basically, their mission and functions remain unchanged even though their employment and line of supervision are now back under the USAF umbrella. However, as Civil Service employees, they no longer are allowed to wear the USAF uniform as part of their employment. Their duty titles have been changed from Liaison Officer and Liaison Non-Commissioned Officer to CAP-USA State Director and Deputy State Director.

Both continue to serve as CAP's link or liaison to the military and will continue to assist with the advice they offer based on their combined 40+ years military experience.

As to how they should be addressed -- as Civil Service employees they cannot expect or require anyone to address them by their prior military grade. However, it's never inappropriate to address a retired military officer or NCO by his or her earned rank. Doing so is considered a sign of respect for that person's prior military accomplishment. CAP members may use their own judgment. ➔

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Haughton Cadet Squadron Takes the Plunge for Aerospace Excellence

Joseph Streetman

On 30 Mar 02 the reality of space exploration and the difficulty of communication was the topic of the day for the Haughton Cadet Squadron. The search of aerospace excellence led to an experience soon not to be forgotten by all who participated. The beautiful day started with a short 25 mile trip to Shreveport, La. Our destination was the business of Mr. Paul Oberle's A Scuba Venture a scuba diving school and complex.



Mr. Oberle greeted everyone and began the day with a class of what to expect while scuba diving. In the classroom discussion, a slide show of Mrs. Oberle's under water photography was shown. Those beautiful scenes captivated the audience of cadets and seniors and we were all ready to head to the water for a first time lesson on scuba diving.

Mr. Oberle's scuba school is equipped with a modern 30 X 80-foot pool which is heated to 88 degrees year round. All participants were instructed to stay in the four-foot deep end of the pool. A short lesson was given on the proper safety use of the diving equipment. Everyone going into the pool was then fitted with scuba

gear. Like a bunch of awkward ducks into the pool they waddled. The instructors demonstrated the proper way to breathe while submerged. "Even at four feet you cannot drink all the water in the pool!" he said. Several minutes were spent practicing the breathing method and use of all the equipment necessary to scuba dive.

Then came the real reason for the trip to A Scuba Ventures. Mr. Oberle explained that our astronauts train in a pool similar to his for work in outer space. He produced a plastic pipe assembly and placed it into the pool. The pipe was color coded on the ends to help assemble the structure under water. Sounds easy, but it took approximately nine (9) minutes for the assembly to look like a triangle box.



A short discussion period followed with interest pointed to how our astronauts must work in outer space and how the scuba program helps train them. It was apparent to all the difficulty of communication and the handling of equipment. To experience the necessity of proper gear and communications while outside our normal environment was an experience everyone should know about.

Everyone was appreciative to Mr. Oberle for an outstanding program. This program was a donation to the cadets free of charge. The experience assisted our cadets with the knowledge of space exploration. Haughton Cadet Squadron continues to look for ways to gain knowledge in aerospace excellence. This knowledge is then translated into ways to help our fellow citizens in a courteous, caring, and safe manner. →

ACCOUNTABILITY What It Means to You, Your Unit

Maj. John Zaremba USAF (Ret.) USAF-CAP-LIASON

From the State Director of the CAP-USAF Liaison Office... (REPRINTED FROM THE KEESLER NEWS)

Accountability --- what should it mean to you? Webster defines accountability as being "answerable, responsible, explainable, and liable." Simply put, accountability is your responsibility to the unit and the importance of performing your portion of the mission correctly.

Why is it so important to organizations? Any team depends on all members to perform their particular tasks, contributing to the successful execution of a play that results in a score of some sort. In the Air Force, we call it mission accomplishment.

There's a special bond between team members -- a trust that each member is willing to give 100 percent toward the goal. If even one member lets the team down, chances are the team won't execute properly; hence, no score.

If a member continually lets the team down, he or she may be asked to leave. The same is true of our Air Force. Once that special bond is broken, a lack of confidence results. As a military force, the stakes surrounding this broken bond are usually higher. If our team loses because members don't uphold their end of the bargain, lives and freedom may be lost. It's not fair to the rest of the team if some are taking account of their actions while others aren't.

Any mission, task or goal should begin with clear guidance. Once that's communicated, the team executes the task. That's where accountability comes into play.

Here's an example from when a past commander of mine visited his troops. Several members wanted to know why the many are punished for the actions of a few. This commander noted that we must all perform to acceptable levels to ensure success. When teammates ignore their responsibility to the team, he explained, then you won't be successful and the team suffers.

It's a simple concept -- teamwork equals team success.

Accountability is a value that should be imbedded into our organizational culture. Violators should feel ostracized because without everyone's commitment to the unit, the ability to effectively achieve and surpass unit goals is undermined. We owe it to each other to ensure each of us pulls our own weight.

Accountability goes hand-in-hand with our core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do. Without accountability, team cohesion suffers; with it, the sky's the limit. →

Baton Rouge SarEx

Lt Diana McGimsey

The crew at Capital City Composite Squadron hosted yet another successful SAREX June 8th and 9th at Ryan Airport. Over 100 CAP members attended from all around the state. Five USAF members attended to evaluate procedures and determine the overall success of the exercise. Ground team members were dispatched to search for not only the traditional electronic locator transmitters (ELT) but also were directed to simulated downed aircraft to rescue survivors. Aircrews went out on different types of missions to search for a downed aircraft that was sent out for training. Sunday's missions added a Homeland Security element as well as aerial photography for use in disaster assessments. In addition to the missions and sorties, the SAREX provided classroom training opportunities; 18 members received Comms I training, 19 members took GES, and an additional 9 members were signed off on the bulk of their ground team member checklist. →

La Wing Hosts IACE Cadets

LTC Carole Whitesell

LA Wing will host 7 International Air Cadets beginning July 19th. The cadets are from Hong Kong and Great Britain. LA Wing has hosted IACE for 6 years straight. The IACE Special Activity is one of the best activities offered by Civil Air Patrol. It provides a young person with 10 days of "Fun In Europe" at no cost - well, you do have to purchase a blazer but what a deal! Buy a Blazer and get 10 days in Europe FREE!! All cadets should make participation in this activity one of their primary goals.

The IACE cadets will visit Baton Rouge, Alexandria and New Orleans. Squadrons wishing to participate in this activity should contact LTC Carole Whitesell, Capt. Pat Yglesias, Major Donny Rogers, or Major Joe Meyers. Families are needed to host one or more cadets and the escort, who is from Hong Kong. →

"I am intending to start out in a few days for a trip to the coast of North Carolina for the purpose of making some experiments with a flying machine. It is my belief that flight is possible, and while I am taking up the investigation for pleasure rather than profit, I think there is a slight possibility of achieving fame and fortune from it."
-- Wilbur Wright. 1900



Still not convinced that IACE is an awesome experience? Ask this mystery CAP member about his trip to Switzerland. Who is he? Send you guess to 1LT Lara Traylor at searchdogs@earthlink.net. Answer will appear in the next edition of Pelican Flight.

Mark Your Calendar

July	August	September
6 Wing Staff Meeting	3 CC Call - Capitol City Building in Baton Rouge	5 Deadline for submitting material for inclusion in 3 rd Quarter Pelican Flight
11-21 Cadet Summer Encampment - Barksdale AFB	3 Wing Staff Meeting	14 Wing Staff Meeting
13-21 2002 SWR Staff College - Kirtland AFB	10 Counter Drug Training Exercise - New Orleans	21 Counterdrug Orientation - New Orleans/ Shreveport
15 Deadline for submitting items to Col Berkowitz for inclusion in the CC Call	15 - 17 National Board / Annual Conference in Philadelphia	28-29 SAREX - Location TBA
19-29 July IACE (International Air Cadets Exchange) LA Wing is hosting 7 cadets this year, from Hong Kong and Great Britain.	17 Squadron Leadership School	
20-21 SAREX - Location TBA / 20-21 SWR CC Call		

CADET PROGRAMS INFORMATION

The big news is - Encampment 2002! That's right, it is right around the corner, knocking on the door, later than you think, get-em-before-they're-gone! Have you gotten the idea yet? Encampment will be here before we realize it. As you all know, Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) is a terrific place to spend a few of the wonderful days of summer. If you have not sent in your application yet, hurry. While there are still slots available for Basic Encampment Cadets (otherwise called "First Years"), we still need to know soon how many participants to plan for. Talk to your Squadron Commander about an application packet. He or she is your primary source of information about the Encampment as well as other activities taking place in LAWG.

Encampment relies heavily on the participation of qualified and dedicated Senior Members to support and mentor the Cadets in attendance. These are critical jobs and in the past many have risen to the demands of the jobs. Below are brief descriptions of the Senior Staff positions available.

- ❖ The most demanding Senior Staff job at Encampment is, without question, Medical Officer. This person monitors the physical wellbeing of all personnel in attendance. Ideally, two Medical Officers make the task less tiring, since they can rotate the duties.
- ❖ The Administration Officer is responsible for handling the registration of participants, from Basic Encampment Cadets to Senior Staff. The first two days of the Encampment are filled with work for the Admin Officer. The rest of the Encampment requires some record keeping, especially if a participant must leave the Encampment.
- ❖ The Safety Officer monitors both activities and facilities to ensure the on-going safety of participants. This includes CAP supervised activities and USAF conducted activities.
- ❖ The Logistics Officer maintains proper levels of supplies and materials to keep the Encampment running smoothly. One of the most important tasks of the Logistics Officer is to make sure the Hydration Plan is carried out by ensuring that adequate quantities of water accompanies each group as they deploy for activities.
- ❖ The Training Officer oversees the CAP training activities. These include Drill and Ceremony, preparing for inspection (uniform and quarters), and assuring that time schedules are met.
- ❖ The Communications Officer is responsible for issuing hand-held radios to assigned personnel and seeing to their return for maintenance at the end of each duty day. At the end of the Encampment, the Comms Officer will assure that arrangements are made for the return of the communications equipment to the originating units.
- ❖ The Commandant of Cadets is the liaison between the Encampment Commander and the Senior Staff and the Cadet Encampment Commander and the Cadet Staff. The Commandant accompanies the Encampment through all of its field activities, from Morning Formation to Taps.
- ❖ The Executive Officer (XO) reports directly to the Encampment Commander and directly supervises the Senior Staff.
- ❖ The Public Affairs Officer will publish a daily Encampment Newsletter. The PAO will also be the liaison between the BAFB PAO and the local media.

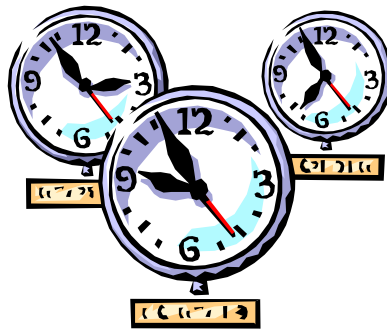
As you can readily see, these are not merely "positions", but jobs that are critical to the successful training of Basic Encampment Cadets and a safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved. The most critical aspect of these jobs is that of role model to the Cadet Staff counterpart. Information about Senior Staff positions has been sent to all Squadron Commanders in LAWG. You do not have to be a member of a Composite or Cadet squadron to attend and serve as a Senior Staff Member. The expertise you possess will be helpful to the Encampment regardless of the kind of squadron you belong to.

If you even think you might be interested in serving the Cadets of LAWG, talk to your Squadron Commander. He or she has all of the information you need to get the decision-making process started. If you still have questions, contact Maj. Clyde X. Robichaux at tagrobichaux@cajun.net. Additional information is available at the LAWG website (www.lawg.cap.gov) by clicking on the *Cadet Programs* link. Staff dates for the Encampment are 11-21 July 2002 and the fee for Senior Members is a mere \$30.00.

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To Register For The **SOUTHWEST REGION STAFF COLLEGE**

JULY 13-21 2002
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(Some companies have picked up the SWRSC fees for their CAP employees. They recognize a good thing when they see it!)

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• Aerospace Education •**

COST:

College- \$90 (includes all SWRSC activities & graduation banquet)

Room - \$27.50 A NIGHT with roommate (local hotel near NCO Academy)

OR

\$55.00 a night for a single - room includes breakfast

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